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(Amendments are illustrated by showing deletions by ~~striketrough~~ or [[double brackets]] and additions by underlining)

Claims 1-5 (canceled)

Claim 6 (currently amended): An injection device for injecting a liquid or a semi-solid composition into a subject, the device comprising:

a hollow housing having a proximal end and a distal end, said distal end being configured to contain a liquid and a dry drug composition wherein said liquid and said dry drug composition are combined in said housing prior to injection;

a hollow needle affixed to the distal end of the housing, said needle having a distal end extending outside of the housing and having a proximal end extending longitudinally within said housing;

a plunger comprising a proximal end and a distal end, said plunger arranged to slide within the proximal end of the housing;

a septum plunger ~~contained within the housing~~ slidably arranged within the housing between the plunger and the distal end of the housing, said septum plunger being configured to isolate the liquid and/or the dry drug composition between the septum plunger and the distal end of the plunger;

a hollow sleeve slidably connected to the distal end of the housing and arranged to cover the needle prior to injection, ~~and to retract into the housing during injection~~ and to cover the needle after the injection upon contact with said septum plunger as said septum plunger is displaced by said plunger towards the distal end of said housing; and

~~a removable cap which covers the sleeve;~~

wherein the device is designed such that when the sleeve is pressed against the subject, the sleeve retracts into the housing thereby allowing the needle to penetrate into the subject, and when the plunger is pushed into the housing, the proximal end of the needle pierces the septum plunger thereby exposing the proximal end of the needle to the previously isolated composition and the composition is pushed from the housing into and through the needle and into the subject.

Claim 7 (previously presented) : A device of claim 6, wherein the proximal end of the housing comprises a flange.

Claim 8 (previously presented): A device of claim 6, wherein the proximal end of the plunger comprises a flange.

Claims 9-21 (canceled)

Claim 22 (previously presented): An injection device of claim 6, wherein the device is further configured such that when the composition is pushed out of the housing, the plunger moves the sleeve out of the housing to cover the needle.

Claim 23 (previously presented): A device of claim 6, wherein the housing contains the liquid or semi-solid composition.

Claim 24 (previously presented): A device of claim 23, wherein the housing contains the liquid or semi-solid composition.

Claim 25 (previously presented): A device of claim 6, wherein the device further comprises a releasable lock to inhibit the movement of the plunger into the housing.

Claim 26 (new): A device of claim 6 which further comprises a removable cap which covers the sleeve.

Claim 27 (new): A device of claim 6, wherein said septum plunger contains a bore which the needle pierces the bore in the septum plunger during use of said injection device.